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In re Application of
Yechiam Yemini, et al.
Application No. 09/589,427
Filed: June 7, 2000
Attorney Docket No. 18704-009

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed July 19, 2004, to revive the above-identified application under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A review of the record discloses that the application became abandoned for a failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed January 15, 2004, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. On July 19, 2004, petitioner submitted, *inter alia*, the present petition, an amendment and a petition for extension of time.

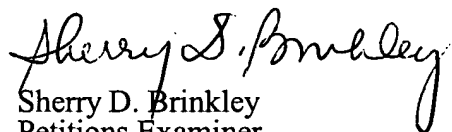
There is no indication that the person signing the instant petition was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute the above-identified application. However, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.34(a), the signature of George L. Kanabe appearing on the petition shall constitute a representation to the United States Patent and Trademark Office that he is authorized to represent the particular party in whose behalf he acts. However, if Mr. Kanabe desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney or authorization of agent must be submitted. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to petitioner. Nevertheless, all future correspondence regarding this application file will be directed solely to the address of record.

37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. While it is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136 are available only if asked for "prior to or with the response." In no case, however, may an applicant respond later than the maximum time period set by statute. Accordingly, if the question of abandonment arises when the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 can no longer be used, then the application is abandoned when the unextended time for response has expired. Therefore, no extension of time fees are due on a petition for revival. In view thereof, the \$475 extension of time fee submitted with the petition is unnecessary and will be refunded to petitioner's deposit account as authorized.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-9220. All other inquiries regarding this application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 2131 for consideration of the amendment filed July 19, 2004.


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